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H. RES. 1158

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Ozark National Forest in Arkansas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2008

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. ROSS, Mr. SNYDER, and Mr. BERRY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

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Whereas on March 6, 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt set aside by proclamation 917,944 acres of land for conservation purposes, which was designated as the Ozark National Forest;

Whereas the Ozark National Forest was the first federally protected stand of hardwoods in the United States;

Whereas the Ozark National Forest is home to Arkansas's tallest mountain, Mount Magazine;

Whereas the Ozark National Forest is home to Blanchard Springs Caverns, which is a magnificent limestone cave system, and the only cave system featuring guided tours administered by the Forest Service;

Whereas in 2006, the Ozark National Forest helped enrich the lives of 2.1 million visitors by sharing the beauty of Arkansas, which is known as “The Natural State”;

Whereas diverse flora in the region include more than 500 species of trees and woody plants, and hardwoods occupy 65 percent of the forests; and

Whereas the Ozark National Forest operates outstanding destinations for visitors, including the Lake Wedington Recreation Area, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, White Rock Mountain, 6 National Scenic Byways that offer spectacular views of the Ozark Mountains, over 200 camping and picnic sites, 9 swimming beaches, 11 special interest areas, 5 wilderness areas, hundreds of miles of trails, including the Moccasin Gap Horse Trail, the Huckleberry Mountain Horse Trail, the Mill Creek Trail, and the Ozark Highlands Trail, trails for hiking, mountain biking, and recreational off-highway vehicles, and thousands of acres of lakes and streams: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
- 2 nizes the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the
- 3 Ozark National Forest in Arkansas.

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